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SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the report of the Harijan Welfare Committee was approved by the Legislature and as such the recommendations of the Committee are mandatory? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government accepted the recommendations generally. I am referring now to particular recommendations made at page 19 about the community concerned. The Government generally accepted the recommendations and ordered that a sum of five lakhs of rupees from the Harijan Fund be set apart for the provision of adequate sanitary amenities to Harijan cheris, preference being given to the development of approach roads, drainages, burial grounds and flaying enclosures. This provision was intended to benefit the Chukklers, specially so far as flaying enclosures are concerned and provide other facilities equally with other Harijans. The Government have also provided for the grant of sites, free of cost, to Chukklers for tannery purposes."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know whether there is a Harijan Welfare Committee at present and if so, at what intervals it meets? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is altogether a different question. "

SRI G. BAPANAYYA :—" హరిజనుల్లో యిప్పుడు చెప్పబడ్డ తరగతుల వారు ఎక్కువ యిబ్బంది పడుతున్నారు. గనుక వారికి ఎక్కువ అవకాశాలు యివ్వటానికి ఈ రిపోర్టులోని సిఫార్సులు ఉన్నంతవరకు అమలుపరచవచ్చుగదా ?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" అమలు పరచడానికి ప్రభుత్వం సమస్త ప్రయత్నాలు చేస్తున్నదని యిదివరకే చెప్పాను. Civil Disabilities Act ను ప్రస్తుతము amend చేయడములేదని చెప్పాను."

Surrender of lands by the Union Government's Salt Factory at Chinaganjam (Guntur district).

* 278 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government recently requesting them to take over about 1,200 acres of land suitable for raising foodcrops in Survey No. 608 now in possession of the Union Government's Salt Factory at Chinaganjam (Guntur district) and assign it to a co-operative society to be formed for the benefit of the landless agricultural labourers residing in Chinaganjam and its hamlets; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) A petition was received from the hon. Member himself in May 1952 and it was sent to the Collector of Guntur. A

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copy of a petition from the local ryots has since been obtained the Member and it has been referred to the Board of Revenue. The Board's reply is awaited."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government, in the meanwhile, can assist the local ryots to obtain those lands on lease from the Union Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" How can I do it when it is another person's property. It takes time to deal with other men's property. Only pick-pockets can deal with other men's property readily." (Laughter.)

Opening of a hospital at Gingee.

* 279 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any hospital in Gingee taluk or at headquarters maintained either by Government or by any private party;

(*b*) the total annual amount allotted to purchase medicines for the dispensaries at Gingee, South Arcot district, for the years 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52;

(*c*) the total amount of medicines purchased during the years 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52 for the same; and

(*d*) whether any representation was made to the Government to open a hospital at Gingee, South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There is a Local Fund Dispensary at Gingee, maintained by the District Board of South Arcot. Besides this, there are in the taluk two rural dispensaries of Indian Medicine at Anathapuram and Valathi, one rural dispensary of Modern Medicine at Avalurpet and a leprosy institution run by the Kasturba Gandhi Kushta Nivaran Sangh at Mazhavanthangal.

" (*b*) Rs. 1,500 was provided by the District Board during each of the three years.

" (*c*)

	RS.	A.	P.
1949–50	2,450	9	0
1950–51	1,097	7	0
1951–52	1,117	1	0

" (*d*) No."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are the Government aware that Gingee is the headquarters of a taluk with a Magistrate's Court and that all cases from there are being sent to Tindivanam for treatment? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are aware that Gingee is the headquarters of the taluk."